



IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (*Currently Amended*) A composition for chemical mechanical planarization comprising an aqueous solution of ozone and abrasive particles, wherein a concentration of ozone in said aqueous solution is less than that at which ozone interactions occur.
2. (*Original*) A composition as in claim 1 wherein said abrasive particles are selected from the group consisting of alumina, silica, ceria, spinel, zirconia and mixtures thereof.
3. (*Original*) A composition as in claim 1 further comprising at least one additive selected from the group consisting of carbonate, bicarbonate, oxalic acid, formic acid, acetic acid, glycol acids and mixtures thereof.
4. (*Canceled*)
5. (*Currently Amended*) A composition as in claim [[4]] 1 wherein said concentration of ozone is less than about 20 parts per million.
6. (*Original*) A composition as in claim 1 further comprising at least one ammonium salt.
7. (*Original*) A composition as in claim 6 wherein said at least one ammonium salt is ammonium carbonate.
8. (*New*) A composition as in claim 1 wherein said abrasive particles are selected from the group consisting of alumina, ceria, spinel, zirconia and mixtures thereof.
9. (*New*) A composition as in claim 1 further comprising at least one additive selected from the group consisting of bicarbonate, oxalic acid, formic acid, glycol acids and mixtures thereof.